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## SIX HUNDRED SELECTED WORDS

### FOR

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR SPELLING MATCHES

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## UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

### PREFATORY NOTE

This bulletin contains a list of words to be used in the Junior and the Senior spelling matches of the University Interscholastic League, the purpose being to provide a list of words commonly misspelled for special study by pupils and for use in regular spelling lessons, as well as for spelling matches at schoolhouse meetings and the county contests of the Interscholastic League.

These lists were prepared by Dr. L. W. Payne, Jr., Head of the Correspondence Division and author of "Learn to Spell." The basis of selection was a pamphlet entitled "A Measuring Scale for Ability in Spelling," consisting of the 1000 most commonly used words and compiled for the Russell Sage Foundation by Leonard P. Ayres; also "A List of 3200 Words for the New York State Spelling Bee for 1916"; "A List of Words (600) for the Third Illinois State Contest in Spelling (1916)"; "Concrete Investigation in the Material for English Spelling," Bulletin of the University of South Dakota; and a number of recent high-school textbooks on spelling.

For the detailed rules of conducting the spelling matches, see the Constitution and Rules of the University Interscholastic League.

### THREE HUNDRED SELECTED WORDS FOR THE JUNIOR SPELLING MATCH

aboard	alligator	angel	athlete
absence	almost	angle	athletics
account	already	annually	auctioneer
across	altar (place of	antecedent	automobile
address	worship)	anvil	avoids
admirable	always	apology	babbling
adviser	ambitious	apparently	balance
agreeable	amiable	arithmetic	bananas
airy	among	asked	baptism
aisle (in a	amount	asthma	batting
church)	anchor	asylum	bayonet

bedstead	derrick	Greece	Manila
beefsteak	describe	(a country)	manual
beggar	despair	grievous	marriage
beginning	dessert	groceries	meant
believe	difference	guitar	merely
benefited	dining-room	handcuffs	mirror
bicycle	dismissal	handsome	misspell
biggest	divide	handkerchief	moccasin
bigoted	dreamt	headache	mountainous
boring	dungeon	heard (a verb)	mucilage
brakeman	dynamite	herd (of cattle)	negroes
business	eclipse	hearth	niece
busy	electricity	heartily	nursery
cancellation	embroidery	heir (to a	onion
cancer	emperor	fortune)	original
cannibal	endeavor	holiday	parcel
cannon (a gun)	enemy	holly (a plant)	pastime
catechism	entirely	holy (sacred)	pavilion
cavalry	error	horrible	peaceable
celery	exceedingly	humorous	peninsula
cemetery	exhaust	hyacinth	pennant
cereal (grain)	extreme	hygiene	perilous
certainly	farthest	iceberg	personal
chaparral	father	icicle	Philip
chapel	(a parent)	immediately	piteous
chieftain	feather	impatience	pity
chimneys	February	imperative	plain
chisel	feminine	implement	(unadorned)
choir (singers)	fiend	incubator	plane (level
cinder	fiery	ivory	surface)
cinnamon	finally	janitor	poisonous
cipher	flannel	jaundice	poppies
cities	foliage	jellies	prairie
college	foreign	kernel	preceding
columns	forest	(of a nut)	prisoner
coming	freezing	kidneys	pursue
comma	fulfill	knack	quire
commodities	fundamental	knapsack	(of paper)
conferred	furniture	knotted	really
copies	garage	laboratory	received
core (of an	gases	larynx	referee
apple)	gesture	lassos	referring
corkscrew	geyser	ledger	reformatory
corral	gingham	leopard	religious
courageous	glaciers	lettuce	repetition
crammed	glycerin	lightning	roguish
criticizing	gorgeous	lilies	ruffian
dandelion	grammar	literary	sassafras
dandruff	granite	loose	Saturday
debtor	grateful	lose	scent (odor)
decency	grease (fatty	lovable	scissors
delicious	substance)	making	secession

secrecy	studying	two (numeral)	waif
seize	succeed	umbrella	waist (part
sensitive	sure	union	of body)
separate	survivor	until	weak (not
sergeant	temperature	using	strong)
shepherd	terrify	usually	Wednesday
sheriff	theirs	vanilla	week (seven
shrubbery	threadbare	vengeance	days)
siege	tired	village	weevil
sieve	tobacco	villain	wey
similar	together	vinegar	wrench
smooth	treasure	virtue	writing
speech	tries	vomiting	yesterday
specimen	truly	wadding	yolk
statue	Tuesday	wading	
stubborn	tugging	wafer	

### THREE HUNDRED SELECTED WORDS FOR THE SENIOR SPELLING MATCH

abbreviation	asceticism	capitol	corporation
abscess	assassination	(a building)	corps (body
absorption	association	casually	of men)
accommodation	attached	catarrh	correspondence
accompanying	attacked	caterpillar	corridor
acetic	audacious	Catiline	courteous
acetylene	auxiliary	ceiling (of a	crystalline
acquittal	bachelor	house)	cylindrical
aeroplane	bacillus	censure	decisive
affidavit	bacteria	centennial	deficit
aging	ballads	chagrined	deprecation
aggravating	bankruptcy	changeable	description
alcoholic	barbarous	chaperon	digestible
alleged	barricade	chauffeur	disappearance
altogether	battalion	chiffonier	disappointed
ammonia	bayou	chloroform	disciple
analysis	beneficial	chronologically	discipline
anecdote	besiege	Cincinnati	dissatisfied
annihilation	biased	classicism	dissipated
anonymous	bilious	climactic	divisible
anthracite	bisector	colleague	duchess
antidote	bituminous	combatant	dynamos
appearance	boulevard	comedy	ecstasy
appendix	boycott	committee	efflorescence
arc (of a	Britannica	complement	elasticity
circle)	bulletin	(that which	eligible
archangel	calendar	completes)	eliminate
architecture	canvas	compliment (a	Elizabethan
arctic	(a cloth)	commendation)	elliptical
armies	canvass (to	consensus	embarrassed
arrangements	count, solicit)	conspicuous	encyclopedia
artillery	capital (chief	constellation	endurance

entrance	interfering	participial	secretary
epochs	interchangeable	pastoral	separator
equally	isosceles	penitentiary	serviceable
equinoctial	khaki	persistence	session (a sitting together)
equilateral	knickerbockers	pessimist	silhouette
equivalent	laboratory	Philippines	simile
erysipelas	led (past tense	picnicking	sincerely
eskimos	lead)	pilgrimage	solecism
exaggeration	leisure	porcelain	stationary
excellency	library	positive	(standing)
exhibition	license	precipice	stationery (writing material)
existence	liniment	preferred	
extension	mackerel	preliminary	
Fahrenheit	maintenance	preparation	stereotype
fascinating	malicious	Presbyterian	stimulant
fatiguing	manageable	primitive	superintendent
feudal	mantel	principal	supercilious
ferocious	(a shelf)	(chief)	supersede
fictitious	mantle (a robe)	principle	supremacy
filament	martyr	(fundamen-	surprise
forceps	marshal (noun)	tal cause)	susceptible
forcible	martial	privilege	symptoms
fricassee	(adjective)	professor	synonymous
frivolous	Massachusetts	proceed	tentative
fuchsia	massacred	procedure	terrace
fugitive	Matthew	proportion	terrapin
gaiety	medallion	pursuit	testament
gelatin	mesquite	query	testimony
genitive	millinery	questionnaire	theorem
gigantic	miracle	quiz	there (adverb)
grandeur	mischievous	quizzes	too (adverb)
guttural	narration	rarefy	tragedy
haranguing	necessary	rarity	tranquillity
heinous	nightingale	recommen-	transferred
hemorrhage	noticeable	dation	tremendous
homologous	occasion	rendezvous	tuberculosis
hydrophobia	occurrence	resurrection	typify
hypocrisy	o'clock	ridiculous	tyranny
hypotenuse	Odyssey	rhapsody	unanimous
Iliad	omitted	rhythmically	unwieldy
illegible	opportunity	sacrament	venomous
incite	optimist	sacrifice	ventilation
(to arouse)	orchid	sacrilegious	vicinity
indefinite	orifice	scalene	warrior
indict	ostracism	scarcity	weird
inexpressible	paraffin	schedule	wintry
infallible	parallel	schism	writers
intercede	parliament	scrupulous	zoology